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MONEY
TO LOAN
On Real Estate.

PRICE \$1 A YEAR.

You can get the Most for Your Money At Sutherland's.

A Carload of No. 1 SHINGLES on Hand

Call In and Get Our Prices

"DIRT CHEAP"

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THE TOGGERY.

New Hats New Shirts
New Gloves Sheep Coats
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Handkerchiefs, red and blue

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CROSSFIELD LUMBER YARD

When you are in need of Lumber it will pay you to compare my prices and quality with any yard on this line. If you cannot make out your own bill of what you require, I will be glad to help you.

GEO. BECKER, Prop.

New Goods for CHRISTMAS Now In.

Now is the Time to buy

Xmas Presents

at the Right Price.



GROCERIES

ALL NEW AND FRESH. CHRISTMAS
GOODS A SPECIALTY

We are now in the market for all kinds of Hides
The highest prices paid

Ontkes & Armstrong.

Foresters

Elect Officers.

Court Prairie Flower No. 1157 of the Canadian Order of Foresters held their annual election of officers on Saturday evening December 5th, 1908. A very enjoyable time was spent among the members.

The officers for 1909 are as follows:

J. P. C. R.—Geo. W. Boyce
C. R.—D. Ontkes
V. C. R.—George Reid
F. S.—H. A. Murray
B. S.—James Mewhort
T. S.—J. Martin
J. C.—J. Matheson
J. B.—J. Brand
S. B.—S. Collins
J. W.—T. Anderson
S. W.—J. Collins
Conductor—John Purvis

SAMPSONTON

Mr. Richard Walsh and his father left for Calgary on route for England on Wednesday.

There is to be a Christmas tree in the Beaver Dan School house on Thursday December 24th. The programme will include singing, recitations and the distribution of prizes to the school children. Admission 25cts. Children under 15 years old tickets, six free.

It is rumored that a solo entitled "Whisper and I shall hear" will be one of the most attractive features of the above programme. A well known local bachelor was heard practicing this song with variations during the week.

They say a rolling stone gathers no moss; all, the same the owner of the "stone" that has been rolling the trails around here all Fall has quite a lot of the green stuff stored away in James Cowling's safe keeping.

Frank Dreher has pulled down south of Calgary with his well run outfit. He expects to be away six weeks.

WEST BEAVERDAM

Joe Fike is reported to be working for Klahoway's. We won't vouch for this, but we know for a certainty he is staying there.

"Frank, the fighter" got up before breakfast Monday morning. What o-o-f it?

Arthur Sampson was feeding an export steer last week. Now the steer is feeding Arthur's hounds, and he is talking of exporting the dogs.

Theod Marler is running Dan Fike's engine at present. Hugh and Henry are running the ranch during his absence.

Hired man wanted—must be first class pianist and able to dance the polka mazurka in three different languages. Wages no object if voice is in right key.—Apply local rancher.

A FEW FACTS

You can own a section of land in three years by making use of the South African Veteran warrants. You have the pick of 28,000,000 acres of Government land. You can save money by getting your warrants from Hays Bros., of Carstairs.

BORN.

MAYLEA.—In Crossfield on Wednesday December 9th to Mr. and Mrs. Malaya, a son.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Potatoes, per bushel	\$0.35
Wheat, No. 1, red, bushel	75 c.
Wheat, No. 2, per bushel	72 c.
Wheat, No. 3, per bushel	68 c.
Wheat, No. 4, per bushel	62 c.
Wheat, No. 5, per bushel	50 c.
Flax	90 c.
Oats	24 c.
Barley	30 c.
Eggs	30 c.
Butter	lb. .25 c.
Hogs, live weight	\$4.75
Cattle, live weight	lb. 3 c. to 34 c.
Cows, live weight	lb. 2 c. to 24 c.
Mutton	50 c.

Local and General.

Interesting Items Regarding Crossfield and Elsewhere.

Watch Crossfield Grow.

The elevator is full.

Jim Mayles is receiving all kinds of congratulations this week.

Presbyterian Church Service held in Methodist Church every Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Methodist Sunday School is held at 2:30 and a preaching service at 3:30 every Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Becker arrived this week from the States. They intend to reside here in future.

Church of England service will be held in the School-house, Crossfield, on Sunday next at 3:30 p. m.

Geo. Fox who has been ill for some time past is expected to be able to go back home for Christmas.

"Sit up and take notice!" that you can get South African Veteran warrants from Hays Bros. of Carstairs at a snap.

E. E. Taylor, of Calgary, has written to Mr. Robson seeking to obtain a car-load of mules for use in the mines.

Lost, in restaurant on Monday ladies gold ring with initials. Reward if returned to C. E. Olden, at the Restaurant, Crossfield.

Will exchange a good town lot in old town of Crossfield or green fees for calves or pigs. Address or see P. C. Cowling.

R. L. Boyle did not hold the quarter section he purchased from C. Calhoun long enough to sell it to Mr. J. McLean this week.

Dr. Large has gone back to the east for Christmas and will be gone until January 10th when he will resume his weekly visits to Crossfield.

E. C. Wooley has the bills out for an auction sale of farm stock etc. Mr. Riddle, of Carstairs, is the auctioneer and the sale takes place on December 18th.

Lena Duthie, of Aberdeen, Scotland, has arranged to give a Scotch Concert in Carstairs on Tuesday evening. She paid a visit to Crossfield on Friday but was unable to secure a suitable hall here.

Everybody is buying town lots nowadays. We have a few good residence lots left at \$50.75 and \$100 only ½ cash required. See us at once.

Hilgren & Davis,
Real Estate Agents.

The Initiation ceremony in connection with the formation of a Lodge of Oddfellows in Crossfield has been changed from the 16th to Thursday 17th December owing to the inability of the Grand Master to be present the former date.

BUTTES GOSSIP.

Miss A. Brennan has returned home from visiting friends in Calgary.

R. Coats has emigrated north for a few weeks.

R. Butters has pulled his threshing outfit to the Kneec Hill country.

S. Jones and J. Brennan have returned home from the south, where they were busily engaged hunting for a few of their stray cattle.

Mrs. James Watt intends spending Christmas with her friends in Ontario.

It is said that a modest little violet was seen blooming in this district some few days ago, a little late in the season one would think.

What is the matter with the committee? we don't hear anything of them this last week or two.

To whom it may concern:

It seems strange that one of our friends in this vicinity couldn't tie his team up in the school yard during the night of the enigma. We have heard of some persons being smart enough to turn them loose with the intentions of them going home and leaving our friend to walk. I would like to remind the guilty one had he been caught when performing the act he might have been liable to a rather severe punishment.

Yours truly,
Buttes Settler.

Round About

Tapscot.

Sunny Alberta!

This is a great country.

A bible class was held at Kira last Saturday evening by Rev. H. G. Gratz, of Sunnyslope.

A dance is to be held at Tapscot School next Wednesday night.

Arthur Wheeler was in Crossfield this week.

Geo. A. Tessier took a trip to Calgary on Wednesday night.

A fine baby girl arrived to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Peever recently.

A. W. Wheeler is building a 24 x 30ft. stable.

William Otto has arrived from Calgary and taken up residence on his home-stead.

The sending of picture post cards is quite a hobby around here. An article on the collecting of these cards appeared in the last issue of the North American Collector and should be read by those interested in cards.

Mr. Saunders and Miss L. McGhee have both left this week to spend the winter in Spokane, Wash.

Mrs. E. E. Smith, of Tapscot, who has been on the sick list lately, is now able to be around again.

The first meeting of Simcoe Literary Society was held last Saturday night. A programme of songs, readings and recitations was gone through after which a debate took place. The subject was "Resolved that rural life is preferable to city life." The speakers were, for the affirmative, Mr. Wilson, Mr. McGhee and Mr. Wheeler; negative, Messrs. Granger, W. McGhee and Brady. The meeting decided for the negative. A meeting will be held in the school house every Saturday evening.

QUEER CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Some of the Things Found by the British Dead Letter Office.

During the ten days preceding Christmas was about 190,000 parcels are handled every twenty-four hours by British postoffice officials, or approximately 1,750,000 for the entire ten days during which the office was open.

The contents of many of the parcels are, to say the least, somewhat curious, says the Pictorial Magazine. A hamper of live leeches, for instance, seems a strange sort of Christmas gift. So does an ostrich feather. Yet both of these were among the parcels "treated" last Christmas. Another long cigar shaped box excited suspicion on account of the odor emanating therefrom. On opening it, however, nothing more unusual was found than a young alligator in a dormant condition. Another evil smelling hamper was found to contain no fewer than 300 dead mice, while yet a third inclosed a defunct puppy consigned for postmortem purposes to an animal collector.

Odious presents of live animals are constantly being sent through the post notwithstanding the fact that the practice is strictly prohibited. Pigeons, rabbits, white mice, rats, ferrets, skunks, lizards, snakes, guinea pigs and even, on one occasion, a pet rabbit, had all been dealt with at some period or other.

No longer ago than last Christmas eve a box was interred in the ground near the station. When dug up shortly before Christmas young adders were discovered in an innocent looking hamper which was supposed to contain poultry.

Some of the inclosures are decidedly sarcastic. Of this class was a two foot long cane, came in an interesting "A Christmas present for Johnny. For outward application only. To be well rubbed in."

\$5 REWARD.

ESTRAY.—Bay gelding with white star in forehead; weight about 1050 lbs. branded RB on left shoulder. Reward \$5. Horse is believed to be east of town.

R. L. BOYLE.

SEED FOR SALE.

OATS AND BARLEY.
All thoroughly cleaned. Oats 35¢ a bushel, barley 40¢ per bushel. Also feed oats for sale 30¢. Apply Martin Ausman, 5 miles N. W. of Crossfield.

4d10p

BLOOD

We live by our blood, and on it. We thrive or starve, as our blood is rich or poor. There is nothing else to live on or by. When strength is full and spirits high we are being refreshed—bone, muscle and brain, body and mind—with continual flow of rich blood. This is health.

When weak, in low spirits, no cheer, no spring, when rest is not rest and sleep is not sleep, we are starved; our blood is poor; there is little nutriment in it.

Back of the blood is food, to keep the blood rich. When it fails, take

SCOTT'S EMULSION

It sets the whole body going again—man, woman and child.

Send this advertisement, together with name of paper in which it appears, your address and four cents to cover postage, and we will send you a "Cure-all Hair Oil" and a Sealed

SCOTT'S BOWNE
126 Wellington Street W., TORONTO, ONT.

Not a Safe Place.

Old Aunt Humpy Garside never had seen a moving picture show before. She gazed in speechless wonder at the magic contrivance my which messengers boys were made to move with breakneck speed, barbers to shave their clients in less than a minute, and heavy passengers to alight from the street at a rate never attained by a living specimen, either on or off duty.

It was all real to her. She could not doubt the evidence of her senses. All those things were taking place exactly as depicted.

Presently an automobile came in sight in the far background, moving directly toward the audience at the rate of at least a mile a minute. Just as a catastrophe seemed inevitable it had not need, passed on and disappeared.

Aunt Humpy could stand it no longer. Hastily grasping her hand of her little girl she rose and started swiftly for the door.

"Come along, Minervy!" she said. "I ain't safe to stay here any longer! That thing is coming more than two feet!" —YOUTH'S Companion.

Reed for Suffering Everywhere.

In what seems to be caused by the suffering that comes from indigestion and has not tried Parmelee's Vegetable Pills does not know how to get the formula and for what to be dealt with. These pills will relieve where others fail. They are the result of long and patient study and are carefully put forward as a safe factor of service to the digestive organs, from which so many suffer.

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ANCIENT PICTURE THIEVES.

Some Who Were Caught and Executed—A Case of Substitution.

In other days, indeed, until the end of the Napoleonic era, art collectors on a grand scale were the privilege of the mighty of this earth and the adjunct of victorious warfare. Thus were so many days of the Roman when shiploads of marble and bronze were transplanted from Greek to Italian soil, and it was again when the first Napoleon pillaged the Louvre and sent his spoils to Spain. Such action, however, was considered the conqueror's right and does not come within the scope of this article, which is to deal with pettiest thefts and criminal appropriation of works of art.

The first deed of this nature of which I have been able to trace the record is that of a dim past, but in most cases they amount to such a statement that such and such a picture or object disappeared at such and such a date and never been recovered. In one case, however, there is the flavor of romance which clings to those other cases in which the peregrinations of the thieves and of the stolen property can be followed as in the famous manuscript of the Seven Cathedrals, representing "The Appearance of the Infant Jesus to St. Anthony."

The Duke of Wellington is said to have been so struck by the beauty of this masterpiece—a canvas of imposing size—that he offered to cover the noble surface with gold pieces if the artist would paint another. However, the chapter refused and in November, 1874, the figure of St. Anthony was cut out of the picture by unknown hands and the fragment found its way to America.

There is a distinct element of humor in the circumstances that attended the theft of a portrait by Paris Bordon a few years ago.

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Not Tempted.

Tommy—“My Lord, the minister on my way to Sunday School, and he said to me, ‘I ever went fishing on Sunday.’

Mater—And what did you say, darling?

Tommy—I said, “Get the behind me Satan,” and ran right away from him.

Repeat:

It—“Shiloh’s Cure will always

cure my coughs and colds.”

“Boys and girls under eighteen should be strictly forbidden to read bed,” says the Lancet, on authority of Dr. Fielden, of Berlin, who has made a study of young persons whose eyes are not fully developed. The practice is likely to induce myopia. While young people run the greatest risk of becoming near-sighted, it is not safe for persons of any age, and states that “in the case of aged, anxious, worried, sick, depressed, etc., to whom it would seem cruelly to deny what may be almost their only luxury, fear of inducing some slight error of refraction, and the fact that the light is sufficiently brilliant, the eyes being shaded from it and the patient lies on his back with head and shoulders raised.”

Here is a good cure for corns. Put about a dessertspoonful of common washing soda in a bottle, add a wineglass of water, mix well, and in a few days it is ready for use. Well-soak corn and apply night and morning. This remedy is generally successful.

Do not let a cold settle on your lungs. Resort to Bickie’s Anti-Contagious Syrup, which is a mixture of sirup in the throat and prevent disease from lodging in the pulmonary organs. Neglected colds are the cause of many diseases, and out of country, all of which could have been prevented by the application of this simple but powerful medicine. The price, 25 cents, brings it within the reach of all.

“John,” said Mrs. Binks, “I wish you’d give Jimmie a good hard spanking. I can’t get him to take his bath, and he always comes to bed dirty.” “Oh, I don’t think dusting his jacket will clean him up,” returned John.

“I don’t want you to dust his jacket,” said Mrs. Binks. “I want you to soak him for fair.”—Lippincott’s.

Minard’s Liniment Cures Garget in cows.

Madelyne Arubuckle always arouses the loyalty of her young friends in the schoolroom, where she musters in the last act of “The Round Up.” “Nobody loves a fat man.” Here’s a few childish wisdom pearls from Mr. Arubuckle who has garnered from his little adage:

“Dust—Mud with the juice squeezed out of it.”

“Snoring—Letting off steam.”

“Apple—The bubbles that apple tree blows.”

“Backbiter—A mosquito.”

“Fan—A thing to brush the warm off of.”

“Ice Water that went to sleep in the cold.”—Youth’s Magazine.

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THE BIBLE.

Much Popular Misinformation About the Scriptures.

The notion loosely floating about the churches is that the Bible came down from heaven, cleanly printed, nicely bound, and marked and provided with a bookmark against that text which has been erroneously made to declare that every Scripture is a command of God. The entire volume is incapable of error in the minutest detail. Every sentence, every word and letter and punctuation mark is infallibly guaranteed by the Holy Ghost.

The knowledge of the present writer, has

said that he holds quite that theory of inspiration. But if the popular idea of the Bible were adopted it would be a terrible curse. And this infallibility is in practice claimed for the Bible as printed in the English tongue and read in our church pulpits. Every one should know that the revised version which we now possess is based on an improved edition of the Hebrew Bible, which was a bad copy of Coverdale’s translation of Dutch and Latin translations and Rogers’ version of the original Biblical text. We expect to find rigidly accurate messages from the very mind of God, conveyed in a version of a version which is a translation of a translation, and thus we are demanding the most ridiculous of all conceivable miracles.

Popular misinformation about the Bible seems to begin with the printed book, that is, the printed book.

The adventures of the Biblical documents before the day of the printing press constitute the history of the Hebrews.

The early Hebrew copy of the Old Testament of undisputed date goes back only to the tenth century A. D.

For a period, therefore, the last century of the Biblical text

was lost in a mass of manuscripts.

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to undertake the shoeing of
horses and am prepared to do
this work promptly and well.**Walter Bradley****INSISTED ON JUSTICE.**Some One Had to Suffer to Satisfy
the Judge's Conscience.As a burglar was trying to break
into a house of a citizen of an oriental
city the framework of the second
story gave way, and he fell and broke his
leg. Limping before the justice the
next day, he indignantly demanded
that the owner of the house be pun-
ished."You shall have justice," said the
judge.The owner, being summoned, claimed
that the accident was due to the
poor woodwork and that the carpenter,
not he, was to blame.The sounds reasonable," said
the judge. "Let the carpenter be
called."The carpenter stated, "But how
could I do better?" said he, "when
the mason work was out of plumb?"

"To be sure," replied the judge.

The mason could not deny that the
coping was crooked. He explained
that while he was placing it in
position he had attention diverted
from his work by a pretty girl in a
blue tunic who passed on the other
side of the street.When you are plumbstone," said the
judge, "the girl sent for.""I admit," said she, "that I am
pretty, but that's not my fault, and
if the blue tunic attracted the man,
then the dyer, not I, is responsible.""That's good logic," said the judge.
"The dyer can't be blamed guilty.""Take the wretch," said the judge
to the thief, "and hang him from
the doorpost."The people applauded this wise
sentence and hurried off to carry it
out. Soon they returned and reported
that the dyer was too tall to be
hung from his doorpost."Find a short fellow and hang him
instead," said the judge, with a
yawn. "Let justice be done at any
cost."**ROYAL AUTHORS.**Many European Monarchs Have
Written Books of All Sorts.It is a noteworthy fact that many
European monarchs, the regiments of
Europe, cannot resist the fascination
of writing books, and strive to have
their names inscribed on the roll of
fame as literateurs. In many cases,
however, the authorship of the books
have been penned by a royal
hand, they have no other feature to
commend them. But, on the other
hand, many could not be compared
with any of us subjects." The Queen
of Roumania writes under the pen-name of Carmen Sylva, a poet,
writer, novelist, and memoirist, and
writes well. The King of Italy writes
books solely on the subject of numer-
atics, and his wife is noted as a
poet. The German Emperor has
published a dissertation and a poem,
while his daughter, the Crown
Princess, is a magazine writer. The
Queen of Spain also writes novels.
Her mother, Princess Henry of Battenberg,
has written several historical plays. The
Queen of Portugal devotes her atten-
tion entirely to writing novels.
Among others of importance who
have contributed "copy" is the Emperor
of Japan as a poet; Prince Vio-
lante, Napoleon's son, has written
poetry, and the Archduke Ludwig
of Austria has written books on travel
and exploration.**No Great Punishment.**Jared Wilkins possessed no education
and was even unable to read.
Harold, his grandson of seven years,
learned of this for the first time when
he advised him to read a story in his
new book."Can't you read?" he asked in
surprise.

"Why, son, I can't, grandpa!"

"Because," the old gentleman re-
plied impressively, "It was a bad boy
and wouldn't go to school."

"What makes a real bad boy?"

"Very bad."

"And now you can't read?"

"Not a word."

"Well, why did the youngster thought-
fully, "It seems to me you got off
pretty easy."**An Expensive Baby.**The most expensive baby in the
world is little Alexis, the three-year-
old son and heir of the Czar Nicho-
laus II. He was born with a cleft
palate and a cleft lip. The Imperial
council of state conferred upon him
an appanage of £400,000 per year on
condition that with this sum "all
expenses" should be paid for his
body reaches his fifteenth year.
After that a further appropriation
will be made. A considerable part
of the money goes to pay for the im-
perial crown jewels. The Czar
Prince of Russia is insured for £500,
000, and pays higher premiums than
any other person in the world on ac-
count of the expense of keeping
him. The sums expended for
special guards, detectives, and secret
police in the interest of the Russian
Emperor are very con-
siderable, "enough to keep a hun-
dred families," said an official con-
nected with the Ministry of Finance
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